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FROM AMBASSADOR

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, PN

SUBJECT: A POSSIBLE DECLARATION OF PANAMA

REF: A) STATE 130095 B) STATE 125743

1. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE OF SERIOUS SENSITIVITIES POSED TO MEXICAN GOVERNMENT BY LAST SEPTEMBER'S DECLARATION OF WASHINGTON, I ASSUME THAT ANY GENERAL DECLARATION AT PANAMA MEETING IN JUNE WOULD BE COUCHED IN TERMS THAT WOULD RECOGNIZE MEXICAN FEELINGS ABOUT NEUTRALITY TREATY AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR FULL PANAMANIAN SOVEREIGNTY. BEFORE FURTHER JUDGING ACCEPTABILITY OF ANY GENERAL DECLARATION OF PANAMA, IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL TO HAVE LATEST DRAFT, PARTICULARLY ANY MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSAL
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OUTLINED IN REFTEL (B). TO AVERT AWKWARD SITUATION WHICH DEVELOPED WITH GOM IN WASHINGTON LAST FALL, I COULD THEN RAISE PROPOSED LANGUAGE WITH FON SEC ROEL AND OBTAIN MEXICAN REACTION WELL IN ADVANCE OF PANAMA MEETING.

2. WITH REGARD TO PROCEDURAL ASPECTS OF DECLARATION, I BELIEVE THAT EXPERIENCE WITH DECLARATION OF WASHINGTON

SUGGESTS THAT A MORE GENERAL AND LESS COMPREHENSIVE DOCUMENT MIGHT MAKE IT EASIER TO OBTAIN DESIRED CONSENSUS.

3. IN CONTEXT OF DEPARTMENT'S QUERY, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE LATEST INFORMATION REGARDING POSSIBLE MEXICAN PARTICIPATION IN JUNE 16 MEETING. MEXICAN PRESS LAST WEEK CARRIED STORY OUT OF PANAMA CLAIMING THAT PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO HAD BEEN INVITED AND WOULD ATTEND JUNE 16 MEETING. INFORMAL EMBASSY SOUNDINGS WITH FONSEC HERE, HOWEVER, HAVE NOT CONFIRMED INVITATION OR ACCEPTANCE BY PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO. LUCEY

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